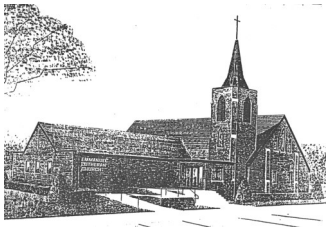

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Event Times:

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:00
Divine Service at 10:00

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"Technology"

The rate at which technology is changing is incredible. Computers are getting more powerful. Artificial Intelligence (the ability for computers to perform tasks that require human intelligence) is advancing quickly. Robots are being developed that are more lifelike than ever before. Phones can do just about any task needed, and information is just a click away on any computer. The world is at our fingertips and in our homes.

These advancements in technology can be a little intimidating, if not frightening. I don't want a robot telling me what to do nor do I want my computer outsmarting me. On the other hand, it is awesome to be able to find out what is happening in far corners of the world with just a couple of clicks of the mouse. And it is fun to be able to watch a football game (Vikings, of course), on my phone while my girls are shopping.

One of the great technological advantages we have in this world today is the ability to read the Bible any time that we want. You can download Bibles, for free, in just about any translation you like to your phones, tablets, and computers, and with a little hunting you can find plans to help you read the entire Bible in a year. Portals of Prayer, the Lutheran Witness, Lutheran Hour Ministries all have devotions readily available for you to read and meditate on. You can read sermons by great preachers like Martin Luther, CFW Walther, Saint Augustine from your home, and if you miss a Sunday service you can even read one of my sermons. If history is your thing, you can learn about every facet of the Church's history, from the very beginning all the way to the forming of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod and beyond. Now, not everything you read on the internet is true or accurate, but I'd be glad to answer whatever questions you have.

So my encouragement for you this year is to take advantage of the easy access to God's Word that you have. Download a Bible, subscribe to the Portals of Prayer, or do any number of things that will help you stay connected to God and what He wants you to hear. Read these when you're waiting for your children or before you go to bed. There are plenty of opportunities, just seize them. Please keep in mind that these resources are not replacements for the Divine Service, rather they are supplements to help you in your daily walk. Psalm 119 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." What a wonderful promise from God, that as you read His Word you will be led along straight paths that lead only to Him.

In Christ,

Pastor

LWML

Ladies Aid: Emmanuel Ladies Aid held their Christmas Luncheon on December 10, at Judy Kramer's with 15 members present. Devotion was given by Donna Smidt.
Sec. & Treas. Reports were read and approved. President thanked all who furnished desserts for the Advent By Candlelight. The event was wonderful and enjoyed by all. A motion to use the Gladys Hawks Memorial for track lighting in the Altar Guild room and a kitchen cart. Donna Smidt and Gert Drost were appointed to look into this. Altar Vases have been ordered. A remindr to bring cookies for the cities Candyland Christmas. We will set a date to tie quilts next meeting.
A closing devotion was given by Pastor Peterson. Hostesses were Judy Kramer & Lois Meyer. Meeting losed with The Lord's Prayer.
Gert Drost, Sec. Pro-Tem.

Dorcas: Christmas at Judy Kramer's home on December 10th.

Daughters Of Emmanuel: December 6, 2015 Jennifer and Pastor hosted the meeting at the Parsonage. Ten members were present. November minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Report: was given and approved
Old Business: Cookie Walk follow up: we had 57 container's this year and 6 were left over. We will plan on 60 for next year. Cookie sales made $599.50-100 start up cash = $499.50 profit. A discussion was held on what to use the money for. It was decided to give $400 toward Higher Things and $100 for the high school outreach program. Mollie motioned, Helga 2nd and motion passed.
2 Thank you cards were read from Thanksgiving bag recipients. Several members also reported positive feedback from the members they delivered bags to as well.
New member bags follow up: 2 were unable to be delivered. 2 recipients expressed an interest in attending the January meeting, and a few others were undecided. Helga will send invitation postcards in January to those who expressed interest.

Lu Ann reported the hot chocolate machine is due to be delivered December 10th. ember 6, 2015
The hot water coffee pot was used for the first time at fellowship today. Members were interested in the new options and feedback was generally positive.
New Business: Hostess sign up sheet went around for 2016. Mollie has January.

DOE's Continued
New officers are needed for Vice President and Treasurer. Julie agreed to continue as Treasurer and Helga volunteered for Vice President.
There will not be a February meeting due to Lent, and March meeting was moved to March 30th to avoid Holy Week conflicts.
The meeting closed with Gift Exchange/stealing.

Advent By Candlelight

Over $275 worth of diapers and baby wipes were recently donated to New Opportunities Sac County Family Development Center thanks to efforts of a Thrivent Action Team and volunteers from Emmanuel. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided the seed money for our Advent by Candlelight. Proceeds were divided evenly between Emmanuel's Step Fund and the Outreach Center.

Co- Chairs of the event, Rachel Hemer and Judy Kramer, bought the baby items and delivered them to the Development Center on December 23 with the help of Rachel's sons, Xander and Emmett. They hope to make this an annual event.

Sunday Bible Class: Ephesians

- Do you want to know if you can be sure you're saved?
- Do you want to know more about how to be saved?
- Do you want to know more about marriage?
- Do you want to know more about the Office of the Ministry?
- Do you want to know more about the Church?
- Do you want to know more about vocation?
- Do you want to know more about the Armor of God?

Of course you do! So join us Sundays at 9:00 as we begin a study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Come and give it a try, you won't be disappointed!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING– Dec. 9, 2015

Those Present: Pastor Peterson, Gary Kruse, Lannie Miller, Wes Drost, Lyle Tegeles, Randy Drost, Jeff Frank, Pat Smith, Beth hatch and Deb Stehr. There was one guest present, Jackie Wallace.
Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Gary Kruse called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November 11th meeting were read and approved. The financial report for November was given. Lannie Miller made a motion, seconded by Randy Drost to approve the financial report. The motion passed. The front step project and loan was discussed. Randy Drost made a motion, seconded by Wes Drost to take $5,000 out of the memorial account and $5,000 out of the front entrance account to pay on the loan. The motion passed. This will leave a balance of about $20,000 left on the loan.
TRUSTEES REPORT: The light above the quilter's area has been taken care of and also the motion light by the back door. The heater in the office is working. Here is a squeak by the pulpit that needs to be checked out.
ELDERS REPORT: Apples, peanuts and M&Ms will be purchased for the treat bags after the Christmas Program. They will get 80 bags ready. A door offering will be taken to cover the cost.
OLD BUSINESS: The heating mats in the steps and ramp are working. The front railing is ready and just needs to be installed. A railing has been ordered for by the small door also. The annual meeting and election was discussed. Tami and Ross Moeller will serve as counters, but we will need to find one more. The 2016 budget was discussed and changes made. The draft will be presented for approval at the annual meeting. The council is recommending a $500 a month raise for Pastor, bringing it more in line with the salary package recommended by the district. Health insurance will be purchased through Jennifer's job saving a substantial amount.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING-Dec. 20, 2015

President Gary Kruse called the meeting to order. The minutes from the December 14, 2014 meeting were read. Jim Wallace made a motion, seconded by Don Cole to approve the minutes from December 14, 2014. The motion passed.
The 2016 Budget was distributed and discussed. The budget was drafted by the council and presented to the congregation for approval. The biggest change is in the health insurance. Pastor's insurance was transferred to Jennifer's insurance at her work for a savings of over $4,000. Emmanuel will reimburse them for the cost of the premium. Council is recommending a raise of $500 for Pastor to bring it more in-line with the recommended salary set by the district. Minard Petersen made a motion, seconded by Jim Wallace to adopt the budget. The motion passed with one nay vote.
An update on the front step project was given. The project has been completed except for the addition of a four foot railing by the side door. An Evangelistic Committee report was given. There have been two family movie nights so far and Trunk or Treat.
Ballots were distributed, with the following on the ballot:
ELDER: Ross Moeller and Dave Woltman
TRUSTEE: Randy Drost
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Pat Smith
SECRETARY: Deb Stehr
FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: Ross and Tami Moeller
BOARD of CHRISTION EDUCATION: Tami Moeller
Nominations were taken from the floor with Reggie and Faye Rohrbeck offering to serve on the financial committee and Bridget Frank on the Board of Christion Education.
Wes Drost was thanked for his years of service as an Elder on the Council.
Jim Wallace made a motion, seconded by Minard Petersen to adjourn. The motion passed

Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

Potluck and Game Night

Join us January 10th at 5:00 for a potluck followed by some time of fun games. Everyone is invited, so bring a game and plan on some fun. See you then!

Thank You

Jennifer, Becca, and I would like to thank you all for the cards, cookies, and gifts that we received this Christmas. We love you and we are blessed to be in a congregation with such wonderful people.
Thank you for all you do for us. Pastor

Happy Birthday To You !!!
January 2015

Jan. 1	Tami Auen
Jan. 2	Donita Mork
Jan. 3	Macy Monahan
Jan. 6	Lois Meyer
	Jeff Sharp
Jan. 9	Robert Freese
	Marni Racobs
Jan. 10	Larry Bundt
	Lisa Garrels
Jan. 11	Sue Frank
	Brynn Boeckman
Jan. 13	Tom Shelp
Jan. 15	Ryan Page
Jan. 16	Darlene Mohr
Jan. 17	Ashton Racobs
	William Clausen
Jan. 18	LaVon Freese
Jan. 19	Raymond Larsen
	Garry Leonard
Jan. 21	Richard Schultz
Jan. 24	Nancy Fertig
	Layne Huisenga
Jan. 26	Charles Wollesen
Jan. 27	Leo Werkmeister
Jan. 30	Rickie Nelson
Jan. 31	Craig Meyer
	Lily Peters

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship	4 7:00 PM Bible Study	5	6 4:00 PM Confirmation 5:30 JIF Christmas 7:00 PM LYF	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship HOLY COMMUNION 5:00 Potluck & Games	11 7:00 PM Bible Study	12	13 4:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Council	14 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 Dorcas	15	16
17 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship	18 7:00 PM Bible Study	19 2:30 PM Serve @ BHLCC Carol Hanke & Alice Werkmeister	20 4:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF	21	22	23
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Jan.3 Dave Woltman
Jan. 10 Lyle Tegels
Jan. 17 Lannie Miller
Jan. 24 Ross Moeller
Jan. 31 Dave Woltman

Greeters

Roger & Rita Peters
Charles & Pam Wollesen
Bob & Waunita Tegels
Larry & Barb Bundt
Lyle & Linda Schuknecht

Acolytes

Jan. 3 Elizabeth & Kristen Drost
Jan. 10 Brett & Laryn Sharp
Jan. 17 Tawna Gross & Ryli Racobs
Jan. 24 Kayla Kraft
Jan 31 Alex Hauser & Ayden Huuisenga

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<u>Emmanuel's Values</u> Jesus Christ, our Savior, leader and teacher has bonded these values to guide us ever forward in expanding God's kingdom to all people. Therefore these values are the foundation and future of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- **God's Vision** – Discipling that all people may be saved (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **God's Grace** – A gift to all from Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- **Prayer & Praise** – We honor God through prayer and praise (Philippians 4:4-7)
- **Stewardship** – Using the time, talents, and treasures God has given us to serve Him (Matthew 25:14-28)
- **People** – We are committed to the Christian Education and Spiritual growth of all (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Compassion** – Sharing a life of care, concern, love, and kindness for all (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

<u>The following are stations and times for the Lutheran Hour:</u>

KTLB	Fort Dodge	105.9 FM	Sun	8:00 A.M.
KJYL	Newell	96.3 FM	Sun	6:00 P.M.
KSCJ	Sioux City	1360 AM	Sun	8:30 A.M.
KICD	Spencer	1240 AM	Sun	10:30 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	Sun	10:00 A.M.

*<u>You can also listen to the Good Shepherd Hour each **Sunday**.</u>*

KSCI	Sioux City	1360 AM	8:00 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	10:30 A.M.
	Storm Lake	101.7 FM	10:30 A.M.
KVFD	Fort Dodge	1400 AM	8:00 A.M.

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Elders: Ross Moeller, Lannie Miller, Lyle Tegels, Dave Woltman
Trustees: Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Jeff Frank
Treasurer: Pat Smith **Financial Secretary:** Beth Hatch
Board of Christian Education/Youth: Jennifer Peterson, Tami Moeller, Helga Gross, Brigit Frank, Rachel Hemer, Jenna Boeckman, Tara Reaman, Angelina Huegerich
Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman

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